

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12 and 14-18 are pending and presented for examination in this application. Claim 12 has been allowed. Claims 3, 5-6, 14-15, and 18 are characterized as having allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4 and 16-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eesley et al (USP 4,637,862). The Examiner particularly cites Figures 2, 4 and col. 3, lines 18-27.

Applicant respectfully traverse the anticipation rejection.

Eesley discloses applying a paste coating on the glass and then applying the laser to the paste coating, not directly to the glass. By contrast, Applicant's claim 1 recites that "said glass surface of said glass substrate" is irradiated. In Applicant's claim 1, something other than a "glass surface," namely, a paste surface coated on the glass, is what gets irradiated, not a glass surface.

Wherefore, Applicant's claim 1 is distinguished from Eesley. The same distinguishing remarks apply for Applicant's independent claim 17.

Also, Eesley fails to disclose that the "laser beam is condensed into a portion outside said glass substrate" as in Applicant's claim 1. Nor does Eesley teach where the "beam-condensing point" of the laser-beam is, as in Applicant's claim 17.

Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that the allowance of claim 12 be repeated, that claims 1-6 and 14-18 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephone or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any

fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Whitham', written over the typed name.

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